P. R. O. In obedience thereunto upon Wednesday the 26th of April P. 2 1704, appeared in the house the following members vizt

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Mr Thomas Hamond for Baltimr County.
[for] St. | Mr Tho Beall
Ma. Co. | Mr Wm Watts
                                     Mr Philemon Loyd for Talbott County.
Kent Co & Mr John Salter
                                     Mr John Lecount for Dorchr County.
         Mr John Whittington
                                     Mr Wm Harris
AA. Co. (Mr Samuel Young
                                     Mr Mats Vanderheyden | for Cecili County.
         Mr John Dorsey
Mr Charles Greenberry
                                     Mr Tho: Frisby
                                                             for Somerset
                                     Mr John Bozman
        Mr William Parker
 Calvt
                                                                       County.
                                     Mr Peter Dent
  Co.
        Mr John Smith
        Mr Wm Dent
Mr Phil. Lynes
                                     Mr Thomas Greenfield
 Char.
                                     Mr John Wight
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  Co.
         Mr James Smallwood
                                     Mr Robert Bradley
                                                 [sic: Prince George's County?]
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Wanteing Coll Henry Low, George Muschamp Esqre Ken: Cheseldyn John Baker, Mr Laurence Draper, Mr Benjamen Hall, Coll Thos Smithson, Mr Richard Tilghman, Col St Leidger Codd, Mr Thos Smith, Mr John Hinson, Mr Walter Smith, Mr Elisha Hall, Mr Thomas Ennalls, Mr Jacob Lookerman, Mr Hugh Eccleston, Coll William Whittington, Mr John Francklyn, Mr William Hutchinson.

The house being mett were called over, and finding Coll Thomas Smithson Speaker of this Court absent, and this house being informed, that the said Collonell Smithson is indisposed and not capable of attending this house; thereupon ordered y' M' William Dent, Philemon Loyd, and Major Charles Greenberry, attend his Excellency and Councill to acquaint them the house is mett according to Prorogation, But M' Speaker attended not.

They Returne and Say that his Excellency was pleased to order them to acquaint the house that they may proceed to Election of another Speaker in the Roome of Coll Smithson

soe that the house may proceed to business.

The Members now proceed to Election of a Speaker, and by generall Vote Nemine contradicente, the house made choice of Major W<sup>m</sup> Dent to be theire Speaker, and placed

him in the chaire accordingly

Ordered that Mr Philemon Loyd and Majr Charles Greenberry attend his Excellency to acquaint him that the house haue made choice of theire Speaker, and that they with the house are ready to attend his Excellency, when he please to comand them.

They returne and Say they Delivered theire Message, and likewise acquainted M<sup>r</sup> Speaker that his Excellency requires theire immediate attendance att the Councill.

P. 3 Whereupon M<sup>r</sup> Speaker and the Rest of the members of this house went up to his Excellency and Councill where they